

Roger Durbin would not live to see his dream become a reality; he passed away in February of 2000. It would fall to his son, Peter Durbin, and his granddaughter, Melissa Growden, to continue to advance the memorial through to completion. From maintaining Roger's collection of letters and war memorabilia to serving on the Battle Monuments Committee, Peter and Melissa have kept Roger's dream alive.

I rise today to honor the dedication of the Durbin family to the World War II Memorial. Their hard work and determination to honor those who have fallen in service to their country is a testament of what can be accomplished when we persevere in a task to honor not ourselves, but others.

RECOGNIZING MS. DIANE  
BROWNING

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I request the House of Representatives join me in recognizing Ms. Diane Browning, who has been chosen the Women of Westland's 2004 Woman of the Year.

Ms. Browning's dedication to Westland led her to serve as the Women of Westland's Secretary this past year, in which role she has participated in every event the group has sponsored—the Relay of Life, a 24-hour charitable walk for the American Cancer Society to promote cancer research; the Respite Relief program to provide for children; countless scholarship programs to promote educational opportunities; and, of course, her long standing devotion to the Huron Valley Girl Scouts.

Honest, intelligent, and intensely involved in the life of her city, Ms. Browning truly represents the transcendent spirit of Westland. Her daughter, Gretchen, and her parents, Bud and Virginia Hassett, are rightfully proud of Diane's undeniable mark on the community; and we are all admiring of and appreciative for her inspired leadership on behalf of our community and our country.

JACKSON VOTED "NO" ON HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 713

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on July 15, I voted "no" on House Resolution 713. As a strong supporter of a negotiated two-state solution in the Middle East—a strong supporter of the State of Israel and a strong supporter of a Palestinian State—it is my view that this resolution will not contribute to a negotiating process that will lead toward peace.

The U.S. must be a credible mediator that maintains the respect and support of both parties in the peace process—the Road Map—so that U.S. conciliation efforts will be effective in achieving a just and lasting peace.

And as a strong supporter of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice

(ICJ), I will not condemn the UN for making the request or the ICJ for issuing an advisory opinion at the request of the General Assembly on the consequences and legality of constructing a security barrier. How can we condemn a democratic process that renders a requested non-binding opinion? We may agree or disagree with the opinion, but we cannot condemn the ICJ for exercising its right to speak freely and render an opinion upon request.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 13, I missed rollcall votes No. 363 through No. 370. The reason being that my district was hit with nearly a foot of rain and as a result of this 1000-year flood, my presence was needed in New Jersey to ensure cooperation with and assistance from FEMA during this disaster.

However, had I been present, I would have voted in the following fashion: vote No. 363, "aye"; vote No. 364 "aye"; vote No. 365 "aye"; vote No. 366 "no"; vote No. 367 "no"; vote No. 368 "aye"; vote No. 369 "no"; vote No. 370 "aye."

HONORING SANDRA FELDMAN ON  
HER RETIREMENT FROM THE  
PRESIDENCY OF THE AMERICAN  
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2004*

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring the work of Sandra Feldman as she retires as president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Ms. Feldman began her career as a teacher and has committed her life to working with and advocating for teachers across the country.

I want to draw attention today to some of her most recent work and that is her service on a distinguished panel known as the Teaching Commission. The Teaching Commission is a diverse group, comprising 19 leaders in government, business and education. The Commission recently released a Call to Action with specific recommendations to raise student performance by transforming the way in which America's public school teachers are recruited and retained. We know that a high-quality, caring, effective teacher can mean the difference between a lifetime of success or failure in a child's life. Ms. Feldman has dedicated her career to help ensure that every child has such a teacher—and hopefully many such teachers—in his or her life, and I want to personally thank Ms. Feldman for her work on the Teaching Commission.

As the AFT's first female president since 1930, Ms. Feldman has also broken ground for young women to follow in her footsteps. I

want to thank Ms. Feldman for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in the days and years to come.

CHIEF WADE SETTER NAMED  
D.A.R.E. LAW ENFORCEMENT EX-  
ECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly pay tribute to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Police Chief Wade Setter, who has been named "2004 D.A.R.E. Law Enforcement Executive of the Year."

Nobody is more deserving of this prestigious award than Chief Setter. Nobody has done more to keep kids off drugs, which is what D.A.R.E.—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—is all about.

Chief Setter has been a very special friend of D.A.R.E., and he has done so much to keep our young people on course and away from the destructive influence of drugs. His strong, effective leadership in promoting drug abuse prevention and education initiatives has truly been exemplary.

Chief Setter has been with the Brooklyn Park Police Department his entire professional career. He started as an officer in 1979 and has been Chief since 1996. During his career, Wade has served as a patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, director of investigations and commander of the Hennepin-Anoka Suburban Drug Task Force.

Chief Wade Setter's commitment to serving his community, to children and to prevention education has been inspiring. Chief Setter has served as President of the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association and was awarded the 2002 Community Leadership Award by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

In addition, Chief Setter has been a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police since 1996. He is also a member and past president of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Setter is a board member of Minnesota D.A.R.E., and he has served on the National Law Enforcement Advisory Committee of D.A.R.E. America since 1999. Chief Setter has been a member of the Advisory Board of Minnesota D.A.R.E. since 2000, and a member of my Law Enforcement Advisory Committee since 1996.

Chief Setter is a tireless advocate for the D.A.R.E. program in Brooklyn Park and throughout Minnesota. Since D.A.R.E. began in our state, Chief Setter has encouraged countless officers to participate in the program. Chief Setter truly represents the best in public service!

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the people of Minnesota and our nation, I want to thank Chief Wade Setter for his steadfast vigilance to keep kids off drugs and teach them to make smart choices. Clearly, Chief Wade Setter was the smart choice for "2004 D.A.R.E. Law Enforcement Executive of the Year!"

Mr. Speaker, we salute Chief Wade Setter for his outstanding public service and congratulate him on this important national honor.